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**RESIDENT OF BELLOWS FALLS, VERMONT
CHARGED WITH BANK FRAUD**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Lebanon, New Hampshire Police Chief Randall Chapman, and Special Agent in Charge Kenneth W. Kaiser of the Boston Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced that Justin Compton, a resident of Bellows Falls, Vermont, has been charged with bank fraud.

According to an indictment that was filed in United States District Court today, the offense allegedly occurred in February 2002, when, Compton, age 22, deposited a worthless \$40,000 check issued from an account he maintained at a bank in Missouri to a newly opened checking account at Lake Sunapee Bank in New Hampshire. The following day he used the inflated balance of the New Hampshire account to withdraw \$2,000 in cash and purchased a \$21,000 cashier's check made payable to a car dealership in Massachusetts.

If convicted, Compton could receive a prison term of up to 30 years, and be fined up to \$1,000,000. This case is being handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Robert Kinsella

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